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Declaration for U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LINEAR MOTOR, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked

An International Application was filed on February 2, 2001 as PCT International Application Number PCT/JP01/01533. No amendment was made in the international stage.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications. See note A on back of this page.)	<u>2000-56721</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>02/03/2000</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed Yes

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